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In re application of:

Yip

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM TO  
AGGREGATE MULTIPLE VLANS  
IN A METROPOLITAN AREA  
NETWORK

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**Box Amendment**

Assistant Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments prior to consideration of the above captioned application.

**In the Claims**

Please amend claims 1-24 as follows.

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1. (Twice Amended) A system comprising:  
a metropolitan area network (MAN);  
a first VLAN and a second VLAN, wherein the second VLAN comprises the first VLAN; and  
a switch coupled to the MAN and the first and second VLANs to receive from the first VLAN a data packet having a first VLAN ID associated with the first VLAN, to replace the first VLAN ID with a second VLAN ID associated with the second VLAN, wherein the